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Mr. David McIntosh Associate Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20460-0003

Dear Mr. McIntosh:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence from my constituent Mr.(b) (6):1 (b) (6):1.

This individual has expressed some concerns about information regarding a superfund site in Maryland. I would appreciate it if you would carefully review their comments and provide a response to the concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes Member of Congress

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Dear Congressman Sarbanes,

I am currently a student at Winston Churchill High School and have a few questions/complaints regarding Maryland Superfund Sites and the EPA. My A.P. U.S. Government and Politics class recently did a project on Superfund sites in Maryland, and my group was assigned the Kane & Lombard Street dump in Baltimore. To find information pertaining to the site my group and I used the EPA website and attempted to contact the site's remedial manager and community involvement coordinator. While the EPA's website had useful information, it was not thorough enough to use as the sole source of information for the project. As a result, we contacted the remedial project manager and community involvement coordinator. The remedial project manager responded to our questions right away, but stated that the community involvement coordinator is responsible for answering questions, such as ours, about the site. However, after three emails and a phone call the community involvement coordinator has still not responded. This was extremely frustrating because my group needed information that could only be provided by the community involvement manager, and we were thus forced to turn in an incomplete project. This was my first experience with the Government bureaucracy, and it was extremely discouraging. As a United States Congressman you are responsible to your constituents, no matter if they are old enough to vote. Because I could not obtain the needed information from the EPA I was wondering if you could answer my questions.

- 1. How is the community involved in the cleanup at this specific site, and what opportunities to help are being offered?
- 2. What are the specific responsible parties, and how each has been involved in the pollution and clean up of the site?
- 3. Did the parties involved acknowledged their responsibility or fought the site's classification as an NPL site?

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